

## Examples of Rail Funding in Other States

Oregon is falling behind other states in its support of rail needs. Here are some examples of recent funding programs:

### Kansas:

- Rail Service Improvement Fund - \$5 million per year (funded through money appropriated to KDOT)
  - Projects that improve the condition or expand the capacity of the state's railroads and projects that can be used to recruit or expand business in the state by providing better access to the state's rail network. Typical projects include major rail rehabilitation and construction/expansion projects, such as rail spurs, sidings and extensions.
  - 60% grant, 40% private funding
- Short Line Railroad Improvement Fund - \$5 million per year 2020-2022 (funded through money appropriated to KDOT)
  - Established to aid in railroad improvements geared toward short line railroad and railroad customers located along a short line railroad. Only authorized for 3 years.
  - 70% grant, 30% private funding

### California:

- Short Line Railroad Improvement Fund - \$7.2 million (one time program funded by remaining money in the Trade Corridor Investment Program after its closing)
  - Program funds are to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission to short-line railroad infrastructure projects intended to improve freight mobility, volume thresholds, and support modern rail freight traffic and the communities and industries they serve throughout California.
  - 50% match, 50% private funding

### Washington:

- Freight Rail Assistance Program - \$7.2 million every two years funded through the transportation budget process
  - Grant program open to applicants in both the public and private sector. This program is directed toward larger projects where it is difficult to gain a contribution and where the rail location or the project is of strategic importance to the local community and the state.
  - Matching amounts vary with a higher private contribution weighed more favorable

### Ohio:

- Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) has approved \$1.13 million in grants and loans to bring rail service to three Ohio industrial plants in 2021. This is a long-established program that has funded many projects over the years.

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